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### GOVERNOR APPOINTS NEW MEMBER TO UTAH BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

Governor Jon Huntsman has appointed Ruland J. Gill, Jr. to the Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining. Gill is vice president of government affairs and senior attorney for Questar Corporation. He joined the company in 1973 after graduating from the University of Utah with accounting and law degrees. His legal work has been principally in the area of oil and gas exploration and development. He has been involved in government-affairs work for about seventeen years.

The Board of Oil, Gas and Mining is a quasi-judicial body appointed by the governor that rules on oil and gas spacing and pooling issues, provides mineral and energy resources policy guidance to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, and hears appeals of division decisions. The board is comprised of seven members, each providing a particular expertise in oil and gas, mining, royalty matters, environmental protection or geology.

“The experience and professionalism that Ruland brings with him will help ensure that the board continues to operate in the best interests of the citizens of Utah,” said Board Chairman Douglas Johnson. “Ruland has the highest of credentials in oil and gas matters and will no doubt make a positive contribution to our mission.”

In his professional career Gill has been involved with several prominent intermountain natural-resource organizations. He has served as president of the Utah Petroleum Association and as the Utah/Idaho vice president of the Rocky Mountain Oil and Gas Association. He also has served as chair of the Board of Trustees for the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration.

Gill replaces James Peacock who had been a member of the board since 1999 and most recently served as chairman. A former educator, Peacock served for 16 years as head of the Utah Petroleum Association.

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